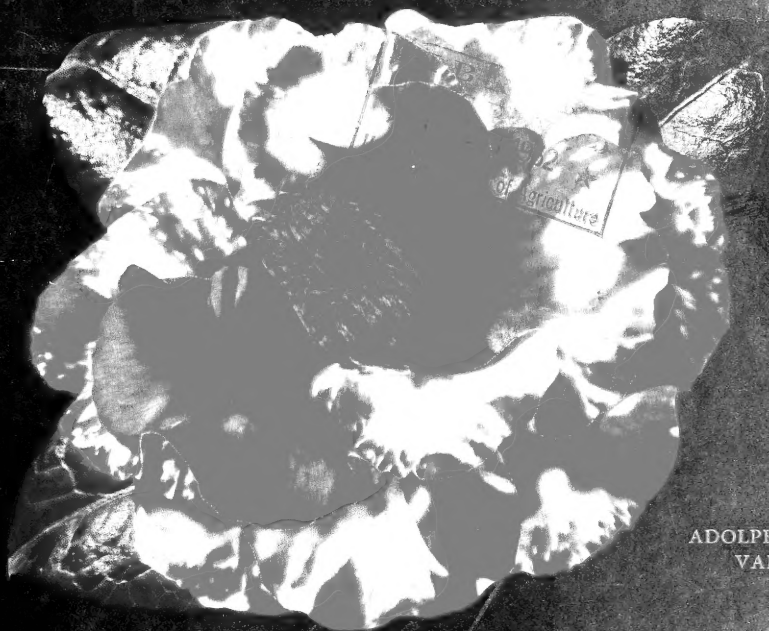


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THE ARISTOCRATS
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ADOLPHE AUDUSSON
VARIEGATED

Camellias and Azaleas
Presented by

CALIFORNIA CAMELLIA GARDENS

(Formerly VALLEY GARDEN SUPPLY CO.)

13531 FENTON AVE., SAN FERNANDO, CALIF.



LAUREL LEAF

Dear Friend:

We are especially proud and happy to present this offering of our camellias and azaleas for 1953. Many of you have known and traded with us for the past sixteen years at our old location—VALLEY GARDEN SUPPLY COMPANY, North Hollywood, California. Due largely to your loyalty, we have been enabled each year to increase our production and to widen our distribution.

Late last year we decided to move our entire operations to our growing grounds and to limit our retail business to MAIL ORDERS only so that we would not remain a factor in competition with our own local wholesale customers. Our "CALIFORNIA CAMELLIA GARDENS" label is your assurance of excellence.

Our retail and wholesale shipping facilities have been expanded to accommodate the greatly increased demand for our camellias and azaleas. Our search for the best varieties and superior strains continues as a very important phase of our program for improvement. We are determined to continue to offer to you, our customer, the finest quality and the most efficient and satisfactory service of any grower in the business.

Please be assured that our interest in you does not cease at the conclusion of a sale. We are anxious to be able to serve you at any time. To our many "old" customers and friends, we say "Thank You" for your patronage—and to all of you friends, old and new, we're going to keep our hard earned reputation, "The Best in the West". It is our great pleasure to present you with this beautiful new catalogue—we know you and your friends will spend many happy hours with it.

Sincerely,

Ed. Arnesen David Cook

Edward B. Arnesen (Owner)

David Cook (Manager)

Camellias for 1953

ADOLPHE AUDUSSON RED A very large deep red, semi-double formation. Golden stamens accent vividly the broad, heavy petals. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00; 3 gal. gft. - \$8.50

ADOLPHE AUDUSSON SPECIAL This is the most striking strain of the fabulous Audussons. It is predominantly white with deep red variegations. One of the showiest camellias now propagated. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00; 3 gal. gft. - \$15.00

ADOLPHE AUDUSSON VARIEGATED The white variegations will run from 20% to 40%. Midseason. See front cover. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00; 3 gal. - \$8.50

ALBA PLENA Lovely and perfectly formed pure white flowers, four inches and larger. A formal that never shows stamens. Early. See Cut Page 7. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$6.50

ALEXANDER NOWLIN Rich red with white spots. An unusual formal. 1 gal. - \$2.00

ANITA Light pink with heavy stripes of carmine. One of the most beautiful of the striped camellias—semi-double. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$6.00

ARAJISHI Dark salmon rose. Large double peony with a few golden stamens tucked in among the center petaloids. Early. 1 gal. - \$2.00; 3 gal. - \$5.50

ARLENE LEE SHEPP Blended pink and white, large peony. Good grower—very good. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

BARONNE de BLEICHROEDER Unusual soft pink striped with crimson, a fully double flower, petals regularly arranged. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.00; 3 gal. - \$5.00

BEAUHARP Very large semi-double, orange-red to deep rose-red. The first blooms appear in midseason and continue to dazzle until the close of the season. 1 gal. gft. - \$7.50

BEAUHARP VARIEGATED The same basic color and formation, variegated with white. 1 gal. gft. - \$7.50

BELLA ROMANA Light pink, profusely striped and splashed with carmine. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.00; 3 gal. - \$5.50

BERENICE BODDY U. S. Plant Patent No. 605. A lovely cup-shaped semi-double, center is light pink shading to deeper pink on under petals. Very hardy. Has been known to bloom after 5 degrees above zero weather. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$7.50 (See Cut Page 4)

BESSIE MORSE BELLINGRATH This large semi-double flower is white with a faint blush of pink. An exquisitely beautiful blossom, produced on a compact shrub. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00



POPE PIUS IX

BIG BEAUTY An immense semi-double to peony form double. White flower, lightly lined, dotted and blotched rose-pink. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

BLOOD OF CHINA An unusual shade of dark salmon red, dark red veins. A large double peony form flower. Late. 1 gal. - \$2.00; 3 gal. - \$6.00

CALIFORNIA A magnificent deep rose-pink semi-double with broad thick petals. This strong grower thrives under adverse conditions. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$6.00

CAMPBELL ASHLEY Dark red. A large peony form flower, loosely constructed. Late. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

CELESTINE Incurved or clinched petals surrounding the swirl of petaloids at the center. This is a rich rose-red to crimson flower. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

CHANDLERI ELEGANS Spectacularly large soft rose-pink blossoms, generously blotched with white. Anemone-form. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$6.00

CHASTITY One of our seedlings. Large white peony form. Newly opened flowers show a rich cream center. Heavy bloomer. Early to midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.00; 3 gal. - \$6.00

CHO CHO SAN A Japanese importation. Very large and lovely soft pink semi-double. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

CLAUDIA PHELPS A sport of the exquisite Duchess of Sutherland. A large semi-double pink, petals bordered white. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

CLOWER'S WHITE An outstanding new white. Very highly rated by the experts who have judged it. Large, semi-double, rather open petal formation. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00



BERENICE BODDY Patent No. 605

C. M. WILSON One of the most highly sought-after camellias today. The loveliest imaginable shade of clear, light pink. This variety will stand more sun than most. 1 gal. gft. - \$6.00

COLONEL FIREY Rich red formal. See Cut Page 8. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$6.00

COLONIAL LADY A fluffy semi-double, slightly fragrant. White with soft pink stripes. Midseason to late. 1 gal. - \$2.00

COVINA Myriads of informal rose-red blooms. A wonderful tub or pot specimen. Ideal variety for hedge planting. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$1.50; 3 gal. - \$4.00

DAIKAGURA RED A lovely sport of the ever-popular Daikagura. A deep pink to rose-red. Early. 1 gal. - \$2.00; 3 gal. - \$6.00

DAIKAGURA VARIEGATED Large double peony. Deep rose-pink to red, splotted vividly with white. Early. See Cut Page 11. 1 gal. - \$2.00; 3 gal. - \$6.00

DAITERIN A very unusual large single, light rose-pink, clustered mass of petaloids at the center. Early. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

DEBUTANTE One of the top favorites. Unbelievably lovely, soft pink peony flowers. Early to midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.00; 3 gal. - \$6.00

DONCKELARI Glowing red, strikingly marbled with LOTS of white. A very large semi-double. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00; 3 gal. gft. - \$7.50

DR. TINSLEY A sensation at the Lafayette, Louisiana Show, 1950. A large ball shaped peony form blossom. Clear, very soft pink at the petal edges, progressively lightening to white at the center. Very hardy. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

DUNCAN BELL Brilliant blood-red, occasionally marked with white. Full double peony. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.00

ECSTASY (Doty Strain) Clear pink formal. Produces a profusion of bloom at midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.00

EDWIN H. FOLK Bright red. A large, loosely constructed semi-double. This is one of the new and very fine red camellias. 1 gal. gft. - \$6.00

ELEANOR HAGOOD Pale pink, faint white markings, symmetrical double. Midseason to late. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

EMMA A medium to large peony form. Very attractive light pink with darker pink veining. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

EMPEROR OF RUSSIA Brilliant scarlet flower. Semi-double. A very showy bloom. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.00

EMPEROR WILHELM Rich red with heavily marbled white petals. The form varies from semi-double to peony and the degree of white from predominant to minor. Midseason. 3 gal. - \$8.00

EMPRESS (Lady Clare) Showy rose-pink, semi-double in form with prominent stamens. Definitely brightens any spot in the garden. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$6.00

ETHEL WEBER An extremely rich and brilliantly variegated red and white sport of Finlandia. Semi-double. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

F. G. NO. 2 We are proud to offer this spectacular red and white semi-double. Hardy and satisfactory. Midseason. Blooms as a very young plant. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00; 3 gal. - \$6.00

FIMBRIATA Larger than average, each perfect petal is deckle-edged or fimbriated. Without a doubt, one of the very finest pure white flowers. Early. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$7.00

FINLANDIA White as snow, a large semi-double, swirl petaled flower. Wonderful golden stamens add to its airiness. Midseason. 3 gal. - \$6.00

FINLANDIA VARIEGATED The brilliantly colored variation of Finlandia. This beauty is white, generously striped and splashed with crimson. Known to produce not only the striped version, but also the pure white and the solid crimson bloom, all on the same plant. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$6.00

FLAME A very fine variety. A deep red that will vary from single to semi-double. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$6.00

FLAMINGO Beautiful light pink, single to semi-double flowers. Very large. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$7.50

FRANCINE One of the largest and most spectacular camellias. The soft rose-pink flowers often attain a size of six inches. The bloom is anemone formed, and is produced in great quantities even on very young plants. Early to midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$6.00

JORDAN'S PRIDE



FRED SANDER We've sold this to people who have never even seen a camellia before, and they were enchanted with its rosy crimson flowers, curled, crepe textured and fimbriated petals. One of our finest in every respect. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00; 3 gal. - \$8.50

FRENCH IMPERATOR Here's an outstanding fine flower. It is a huge deep red, full petaled peony. We know you just can't miss on this wonderful flower. Blooms at midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

GENERAL GEORGE PATTON A large bright pink rose-formed flower, seedling of Purity. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$6.00

GLEN 40 A large full symmetrical double. Deep red, slightly cupped petals, an unusual cast of orange undertone makes this as showy as a stop-light. Midseason to late. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00; 3 gal. - \$8.50

GLENN ALLAN Large and hardy deep rose-red semi-double. A recent seedling from South Carolina. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

GOVERNOR EARL WARREN The plant grows very vigorously and produces very large rose-red flowers, rose-formed. Midseason to late. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

HIGH HAT Early blooming, large, double soft shell pink sometimes lightly marbled with white. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00; 3 gal. - \$8.50

HISHI-KARAITO (Emily Brown) Narrow petals form a little bell, about two inches across the mouth, an attractive delicate shade of pink. Midseason to late. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

IMPERATOR A large red, loose peony. Grows bushy and blooms freely at midseason. Will stand a great deal of sun. 1 gal. - \$2.00; 3 gal. - \$5.50

JENNY JONES A superb new white semi-double. It is a very hardy midseason bloomer of exhibition quality. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00; 3 gal. - \$10.00

JESSICA VARIEGATED A very lovely deep rose-pink and white semi-double. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

J. J. PRINGLE SMITH One of the largest of the semi-double red camellias. Four rows of rounded and indented petals. A fine flower, sturdy grower. Late. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00; 3 gal. - \$8.50

JORDAN'S PRIDE One of the most popular camellias in existence. Our strain produces really huge blooms, very full and fluffy, light pink petals, irregularly bordered with white and streaked with deep pink. One of the few fragrant camellias. Midseason. See Cut Page 5. 1 gal. - \$2.00; 3 gal. - \$5.00

JOSEPHINE DUELL This large soft pink semi-double will rate a high regard for the lovely and unusual shading of color. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

JOSHUA E. YOUTZ Our offering of this very lovely camellia is directly from the original parent strain. The flower is pure white and will vary from formal to rose-form. Early. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00; 3 gal. - \$10.00

JULIA DRAYTON This has long been considered one of the most spectacular of the scarlet-red camellias. The flowers sometimes will attain a size of over six inches. Symmetrical rose-form double, bud center until matured, opening to show golden stamens. Very heavy flower petals retain freshness for a long time. Midseason to late. See Cut Page 6. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$6.00



JULIA DRAYTON

KATHERINE NUCCIO A large bright red formal double, early to midseason blooms. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

KENNY This highly sought after variety is a deep rose-pink blotched white, semi-double to peony form. A large flower and a wonderful gift for that hard to please camellia collector. Late. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

KUMASAKA A large, informal double peony, glowing rose-pink. A substantial grower, a prolific bloomer, even as a young plant. One of the showiest. Midseason to late. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$5.50

LADY KAY A startling sport of Ville de Nantes, twenty-five to thirty petals and large petaloids, all deckle-edged. A brilliant red, fluffy pom-pom. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

LADY LUCILLE A prize winner at the International Flower Show, 1951 and Pasadena, California, 1951. A very large semi-double to peony form, rich cream white, heavy petaled flower. Really heavy and substantial. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

LADY VANSITTART Lovely deep pink semi-double flower. Broad, wave-edged petals surround showy golden stamens. Prolific blooming habits and handsome foliage have made it a highly popular selection. 1 gal. - \$2.00; 3 gal. - \$5.50

LA REINE VARIEGATED A deep rose-pink, large semi-double, softly marbled white. Rare and very fine. This lovely flower is one of the most spectacular of all semi-double variegated camellias. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

LAUREL LEAF Perfectly beautiful. The large, formal, imbricated soft pink and white flower with handsome foliage is always in great demand. Midseason to late. See Cut Page 2. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$6.00

LINDSAY NEILL A large semi-double to peony flower, dark red, strikingly marbled with white. Early to midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00; 3 gal. - \$7.00

MARCHIONESS OF EXETER A glorious large double peony, clear pink. The open habit of growth suggest the adaptability of this beautiful variety for espalier work. Early to midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$5.00

MARGARETE HERTRICH A truly beautiful large formal white. We safely predict a wonderful future for this excellent plant. Very outstanding for corsage use. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

MARJORIE MAGNIFICENT A magnificent blush pink semi-double to peony form. We're proud to offer this one. 1 gal. gft. - \$7.50

MARION MITCHELL Large, semi-double, scarlet red with dainty petaloids mixed with long stamens. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

MARTHA BRICE One of the most unusual. A light, lavender pink, large semi-double to peony in form. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

MARY CHARLOTTE Anemone-formed, with just the slightest sweet fragrance, soft baby pink in color. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.50; 3 gal. - \$8.50

MATHOTIANA ROSEA Similar in many respects to the Julia Drayton only this is a clear pink, fully rose-formed double. Excellent foliage. Late. 1 gal. - \$2.00

MONJISU RED A very showy plant as a potted specimen. The plant produces enormous quantities of crisp, rich red flowers. The petal texture is velvety, each petal waved and undulated. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.00

MONJISU VARIEGATED A very showy semi-double scarlet and white. 1 gal. - \$2.00

MORNING GLOW A lovely large formal white. The quality of this bloom will rival the perfection of the Alba Plena, but it will bloom younger. Early to midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

MOTHER OF PEARL Sport of Bleichroeder. Very similar in formation. Petal texture is nearly opalescent, a pearly white formal with a faint, but warm pink center. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

MRS. BALDWIN WOOD A very highly esteemed beauty. Large semi-double to rose-form double. White with a warm pink stripe on one or more petals. Blooms at midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

MRS. CHARLES COBB This fine variety appeals to all flower lovers. Rich, blackish-red blooms are semi-double to round peony in form, striking golden stamens interspersed through the center. The exceptionally large foliage is in excellent balance. 1 gal. - \$2.50

MRS. CLARK (Mrs. Lyman Clark) Very light pink peony, almost white. A large and gorgeous bloom. This has created quite a sensation wherever shown. 1 gal. gft. - \$7.50

MRS. EASTMAN Deep rose pink with red stripes, large rose formed flowers. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

MRS. FREEMAN WEISS VARIEGATED Very large, a rich glowing pink marbled with white. A grand producer, dependably opens its beautiful semi-double blooms. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

MRS. JOSEPHINE M. HEARN Wonderfully different, a large curl petaled fluffy rose pink double. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$6.00

MRS. MARIE KEATING A spectacle in bloom, one huge bouquet of light pink informal double blooms. Early to midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.25; 3 gal. - \$5.50

MRS. SHEPHERDSON A seedling of Chandleri Elegans, resembles the parent in formation but is colored white with a warm pink striping. Large and very fine, opens well and keeps well. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$6.50

MRS. TINGLEY A gorgeous silvery salmon pink formal, blends beautifully with any fabric, garden, or color scheme. Grand keeping qualities. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

NAGASAKI A very large semi-double, rose pink heavily marbled white. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.50

PAEONIAEFLORA Peony form, white with tiny speckles and dashes of pink. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.25

PAULETTE GODDARD A truly magnificent flower, bright red peony form. This is certainly one of the best. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00



ALBA PLENA

PAX One of the loveliest formal white camellias. Velvety petal texture similar to that of a gardenia, fine foliage and habit of growth. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$6.00; 6 gal. Specimen - \$10.00

PEARL MAXWELL A king-size Pink Perfection, the same clear shell pink, fully formal flower. Very hardy and vigorous, a real beauty. 1 gal. gft. \$6.00

PETER PAN Creamy white at the base shading through blush to cerise at the edges. Has a definite orchid overtone. Large semi-double to peony. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$7.50

PERT Solid red sport of Finlandia, like the parent plant a very bushy grower and a grand producer. Wavy petaled semi-double. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.50

PINK BALL Loveliest imaginable shade of clear light pink, a large high centered peony flower. Fine for corsage work, and beautiful as a pot subject. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$6.00

PINK PERFECTION Shell pink formal, one of the most widely sold of all. Early. 1 gal. - \$1.50; 3 gal. - \$5.00

PINK SHELL So beautiful that many owners are satisfied with the few perfect blooms they may be limited to in an off-season. Shell pink formal. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.00; 3 gal. - \$6.00

POPE PIUS IX Large formal, rich red. Very popular, and justly so. Midseason. (See Cut Page 3) 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$6.00

PRIDE OF DESCANSO A superb semi-double white, one of the really outstanding ones. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00; 3 gal. - \$10.00

PRINCESS ANNE A highly sought after variety, a large formal, deep rose-pink marbled with white. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

PRINCESS BACCIOCHI Carmine red peony. Showy blossoms, handsome foliage, and a fine compact habit of growth. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.00; 3 gal. - \$5.00

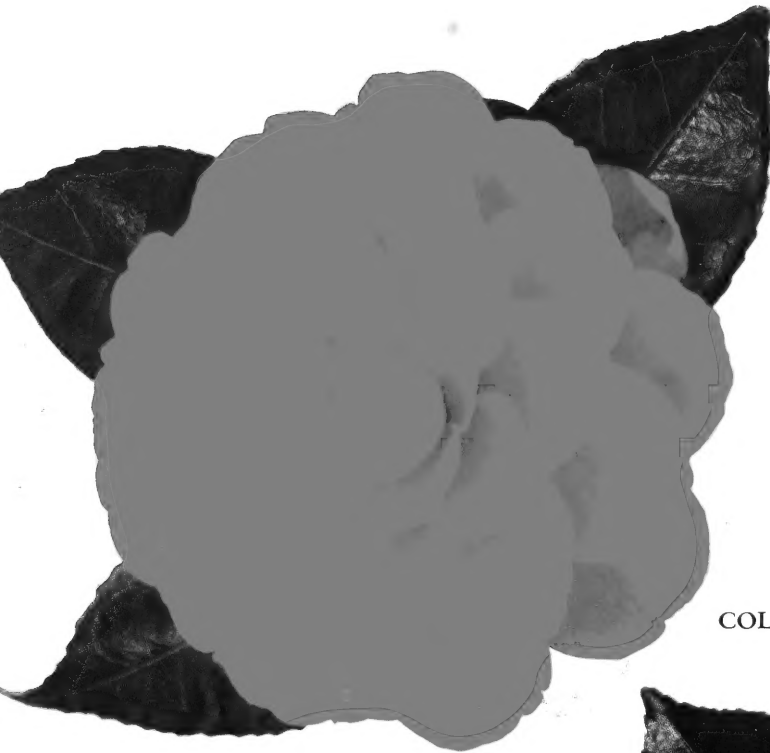
PROF. C. S. SARGENT A favorite for many years, deep scarlet, very full petaled. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.00; 3 gal. - \$6.00

PURITY Symmetrical snowy white double, usually formal. A dependable late bloomer. 1 gal. - \$1.50; 3 gal. - \$5.00 (See Cut Page 8)

RED WONDER An outstanding sport of Mathotiana, rare and beautiful. The flowers are large, irregular rose form, deep red. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$4.50

RETICULATA (SPECIES CAPT. RAWES) Iridescent, glowing carmine pink. Very large, a spectacularly waved and fluted semi-double bloom. Mature plants produce blossoms six to eight inches in diameter. Midseason to late. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00; 5 gal. gft. - \$12.50

ROSEA SUPERBA A consistent show winner, deep rose pink rose-formed double. Considered by many experts as an all time great. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00; 3 gal. - \$7.50



SMILING BEAUTY A medium sized flower that more than makes up for size with its charm. This is a pure, clear light pink. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

SWEET SIXTEEN Another recent import, and a strong contender for light pink semi-double honors. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

TRICOLOR SIEBOLDI VARIEGATED A very prolific, splashily showy semi-double. Flowers are white, lined and dashed with brilliant carmine. Many sports from this. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.00; 3 gal. - \$6.00

VILLE de NANTES Countless times a show winner, a most unusual and beautiful bloom. Brilliant red and white; fringed petals fluted and furled and stiffly erect at the center, the bloom is as deep as it is wide. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

COL. FIREY



PURITY

ROSE GLORY One of the longest blooming periods of any. Rose red semi-double flowers that progressively increase in size with the season. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

RUBY GLOW Rich ruby red, semi-double to peony form. A very lovely flower, a plant well adapted to espalier work. Early to midseason. 1 gal. - \$2.00

SALMON QUEEN Uniquely lovely, a true salmon pink shade, a rose-formed double. 1 gal. - \$2.25; 3 gal. - \$6.00

SARAH FROST Crimson, varying to deep rose pink, formal double. Midseason to late. 1 gal. - \$1.50; 3 gal. - \$4.50

SEMI-DOUBLE BLUSH A very hardy plant. This lovely bloom is pale blush pink, dainty stamens in the center. Midseason. 1 gal. - \$1.50

SHIN AKEBONO A large light pink cup-shaped semi-double. This is a recent import, and has already won shows. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

SIEUR de BIENVILLE Large and really beautiful, a deep rose pink rose-formed double. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

SIERRA SPRING The variegated form of Mme. Hahn. This is a bright pink and white semi-double, blooms at midseason. Carries one of the best reputations of all. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

SIMEON A large and distinctly different deep pink, fluted petals interspersed with stamens. Midseason. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

The Camellia Sasanqua

It would seem that here is a species of plant whose relatives are so supremely proud, jealous and domineering that they have nearly succeeded in completely obliterating from the garden scene this priceless gem. If the Sasanqua camellias were known by the name "Sasanqua" alone, they could have long ago attained the heights of popularity they so richly deserve. It is more than just passing strange that so many otherwise discerning gardeners, constantly in search of something new and better for the garden, have to be literally "clubbed" into an acquaintance with the Sasanqua. Now it develops, the skeleton in the closet is named "Camellia"!!

Because these Sasanqua flowers are not of gigantic proportion, nor stiffly and primly formal, nor of sufficiently gross construction to be useful as a corsage subject and in other ways bear but the slightest resemblance to a "camellia", they have been scorned as a poor relative. The sasanqua truly does not need to lean on the name "camellia". It is, in many ways, far superior to the Japonica (the commonly known camellia). To mention a few:—it is generally lightly and rather elusively fragrant; it is much hardier; blooms more heavily at a younger age and at an earlier time of the year than the Japonica. It may be used in many ways the Japonica may not. It will charmingly adapt itself to uses really unique among flowering evergreen shrubs. It will stand a great deal of sun, of cold, of pruning and of neglect!

This is not a sales talk, it is a simple and honest endeavor to acquaint you with one of the finest and most useful shrubs we have ever known. Don't keep dodging the Sasanqua—you're bound to turn to them someday, but just try a few of them in your garden this season. We are sure you will become as enamored of them as we are!

APPLE BLOSSOM Wonderful drifts of dainty white blossoms, each petal lightly edged with pink. Apple blossoms in the fall and winter! 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

ASAHI GAI A dainty light pink single, outside of petals blended to darker pink, weeping habit of growth. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

BETTY MCCASKILL (Maliflora) Soft pink semi-double, petals tinted and margined rose red. Swell boutonniere or miniature corsage type. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

CRIMSON VELVETTI A rose red velvet textured single. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

DAWN Formal white, blushed pink. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

HANA-JIMAN A very large semi-double white, petals are broad and thick, edged with pink. A strong and upright grower. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

HINODE-GUMO. A charming single white, petals spotted with scarlet, one of the best. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

HUGH EVANS A medium size rose pink single. A strong upright grower. 1 gal. - \$2.00; 3 gal. - \$6.00

JUDITH (Saluenensis) A petite bell shaped single, light pink. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00



PAPAVER

LAVENDER QUEEN A large and lovely lavender pink single. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

LITTLE GEM This is a little gem. Fully double, rose-formed, white with faint pink petal edges. Often appears as a perfectly gorgeous solid light pink formal. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

MAIDEN'S BLUSH A wonderful strong grower, white just faintly flushed with pink, a single. 1 gal. - \$2.00; 3 gal. - \$6.00

NARUMI-GATA A very large semi-double cup shaped blossom, white edged with pink. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

OCEAN SPRINGS Truly one of the handsomest flowers we've ever seen. A large cupped white single, petals broadly edged with crimson. 1 gal. gft. - \$6.00

OLEIFERA A truly splendid flower, a very large cupped single, white with a faint blush of peach to lavender. Sweetly fragrant, long lasting crepe-textured blossoms and fine heavy foliage. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00 (See Cut Page10)

PAPAVER Large, lovely single flower of soft pink. Flower is cup shaped, opens like a poppy. See Cut Page 9. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

PINK BRIER Rose-pink. A medium sized single. An arching habit of growth makes this excellent for espalier or ground cover. 1 gal. - \$2.00; 3 gal. - \$6.00

SANDANKWA Medium sized crimson flower. Petaloids and stamens arranged in clusters around the center. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00



OLEIFERA

METHODS OF SHIPMENT—IMPORTANT

We are proud of our Shipping Department and we have countless complimentary letters from Out-of-State purchasers of our Camellias and Azaleas. Shipments of camellias to residents of the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia will be bare-rooted of soil immediately prior to shipment and repacked into proper containers with pure German peat moss. Plants so treated are accorded the same guarantee as all of our camellias. To all other parts of the country, camellias are shipped in the containers they have been grown in, undisturbed. Particularly gratifying are the letters from nurserymen residing in those southern states affected by the bare-root ruling of the Southern State Plant Board. Bare-rooted and repacked plants are especially lightweight, they arrive at destination in nursery-fresh condition, in carefully planted containers and may be safely carried in stock until sold or planted at any convenient time.

All stock is carefully selected by well qualified nurserymen and is expertly and efficiently packed. Of the countless thousands of camellias that we have shipped, bare-rooted or otherwise, we have been notified of less than a score that have either failed to thrive, to be satisfactory in every respect, or that have been damaged in transit. Of these plants so reported, we have been more than happy to make replacements at no charge.

Crating charges are based upon our actual costs for the cartons alone, and we make every effort to do the packing as economically as possible. Your interests are best served if you make your orders conform to the actual crate capacities. This greatly expedites the packing and will result in savings to you not only in crating costs, but in the shipping costs per plant as well. Please estimate from the following schedule the number of cartons needed to ship your order, and include this amount with the order. Unless your account has been otherwise arranged with us, no orders will be shipped C.O.D., please enclose your check or money order with your list.

SETSUGEKKA A large flat single. White petals are just faintly flushed with a pinkish lavender. Petal tips are ruffled, the back side of the petals is quite definitely a darker lavender. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

SHISHIGASHIRA A bright and very daintily beautiful semi-double to double rose-red, dark, glossy green foliage. This is one of the best. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

SHOWA-NO-SAKAE We wish we could grow all we could sell of this one! It is really a dandy. Flowers are large, irregular double to peony form. A lavender-pink beauty. 1 gal. - \$2.50; 3 gal. - \$7.50

SNOWFLAKE Truly dainty and pure as a snowflake. A large single white. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

SUPER ROSEA A large dark pink, blending to red at the petal edges. This is an excellent variety, good foliage and wonderful flowers. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

TANYA A deep rose pink single. This variety is highly suitable in mass plantings. 1 gal. - \$2.00

TAIZAN-HAKU Large, single white. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

TOTENKO Here's a truly lovely light pink single. Adapts itself readily to espalier display. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

ROSEA MAGNIFICA. A large single light pink, overtone of lavender. 1 gal. gft. - \$4.00

WHITE DOVES (Mine-no-yuke) A porcelain white semi-double to full peony form. A distinctly beautiful blossom. A beautiful espalier. 1 gal. - \$2.00; 3 gal. - \$7.50

WILLIAMS LAVENDER (Hybrid Saluenensis Japonica) A really charming flower. A single lavender-pink, having beautifully arranged stamens. 1 gal. gft. - \$5.00

Shipments are handled by Railway Express Agency, charges collect, unless we are specifically instructed to ship by other means. All plants in all sizes are fitted into custom-built corrugated cartons—strong, tamper-proof and extremely light in weight. You pay an absolute minimum for shipping charges and the plants arrive in any part of the country fresh, insured and guaranteed.

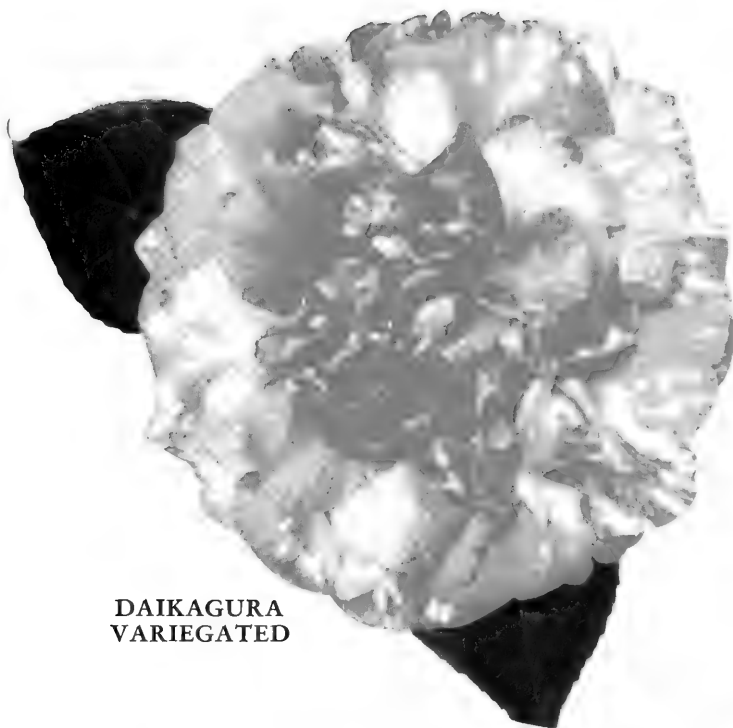
Crating Costs

Camellias:	3" Pots (to wholesale only)	75 per crate.....	\$2.10
	Two one-gallon plants...	per crate.....	.50
	Six one-gallon plants...	per crate.....	.50
	Single three-gallon plant, always packed singly,	per crate.....	.50
Azaleas:	4" Pots, 50 per crate...	per crate.....	1.95
	6" Pots, 18 per crate...	per crate.....	1.50
	8" Pots, 12 per crate...	per crate.....	2.10

All azaleas are shipped in Red Bird paper shipping pots to avoid breakage and excessive weight.

California residents will please add 3% Sales Tax to the purchase price of plants and crates on all retail orders.

On the day your order is shipped, you will be notified by Air Mail so that you may know when to expect arrival. Express shipments may quite reasonably be expected to travel at the same speed as first class mail. Orders are insured, accept no damaged merchandise. Shipments damaged in transit must be IMMEDIATELY brought to the attention of the AGENCY THAT DELIVERED THE ORDER TO YOU.



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Our strong light weight sealed & tamper proof cartons assure out of state purchasers of nursing fresh plants at minimum express charges. All shipments insured for full value. See back cover for rates.



Azalea shipment, showing method of packing and bracing. Protective sleeves keep plants from shifting during transit, and eliminate the excessive weight of wooden bracing. See back cover for rates.



AVENIR

ERIE

AZALEAS—*The Perfect Companion Plant*

Our azaleas are evergreen, handsome bushy little plants, heavily budded and just full of vitality. Our principal stocks are of the Belgian-Indica strains; these produce the very large and double ruffy flowers, and bloom over a very long period, but we also grow lots of the very fine Kurume types (these open in one tremendous burst of glory, are somewhat hardier than the Indica, and the flowers are generally just a little bit smaller, sometimes single) and Pericats (flowers usually borne in very full clusters, some are tightly rolled little sweetheart rose-type buds, and others are quite open; they all, as a group, seem to be the very fastest growers).

We strongly urge you to try azaleas, their display is unsurpassed during the Winter and Spring months. No one needs deny himself the very real pleasure these little gems can provide, for they may be easily cared for indoors in those sections of the country where the winters are too severe for outdoor culture.

ADRIAN STUYART A recent introduction, large royal purple double blossoms, beautiful foliage and strong growing plant. Blooms at Easter. (Indica)

ALBERT ELIZABETH An immensely popular and highly attractive variety. The flowers are double, white, with bright pink bordering, handsome glossy foliage and excellent growth habit. (Indica)

AVENIR Very large coral to salmon pink double blossoms, borne in great profusion from Thanksgiving through early spring. Compact habit of growth and a most welcome habit of first to bloom. (Indica)

BRILLIANT A truly brilliant, glowing dark red double. An early Spring crop of large flowers. (Indica)

***CARDINAL** (Brooks Hybrid-Patented) Produces beautiful ruffled hose-in-hose blooms, with an undertone of

orange. Growth habit is more compact than Kurume azaleas. Our first offering of this new strain.

CHARLES ENCKE A very neatly striped flower, white with rose-pink stripes. This blooms out so completely at Easter time as to entirely conceal the very compact and hardy shrub. An excellent Kurume azalea.

CORAL BELLS This is a top favorite with the florist trade, myriads of small clear coral pink clusters of blossoms, light green boxwood-like foliage, and an excellent habit of growth. (Kurume)

CORAL VERVAENEANA Large double, coral pink with a frilly petal edging. Highly attractive, blooms over a long and satisfying period from late winter well into the spring. (Indica)

COXENIA A very strong growing large, single lavender pink. Showy in late Spring, also an excellent understock variety. (Species)

DR. BERGMAN Large, a unique shade of dark salmon pink, darker veinings through the petals. A new and most unusual variety, one we feel is assured a great future. (Indica)

ECLAREUR Another favorite with the florist trade, star shaped double, dark red, an early spring bloomer. (Indica)

***ECSTASY** (Brooks Hybrid-Patented) This hybrid tends toward the Belgian Indicas in flower, foliage and plant habit. The double, high centered flowers, up to 4¾" across, white, often striped or dashed with orchid and have yellow-green markings in the throat.

ERIE This is the variegated form of the popular Paul Schame. A clear salmon pink with white, large blossoms, a long blooming season, from early winter through spring. (Indica)

ETOILE De BELGIQUE A large deep red star shaped blossom, smaller star center, red stamens, blackish red throat markings. Blooms through the spring months. (Indica)

HEXE This is undoubtedly one of the best red azaleas grown. It has a wonderfully compact and bushy habit of growth, a terrific display of rather small flowers, an ideal florist variety and tops for the garden scheme with the long season of spring to early summer bloom. (Kurume)

HEXE de SAFFELARE Showy, rich crimson large double flower. An excellent variety.

JANE HAERRENS You couldn't ask for a better azalea than this - a wonderfully prolific bloomer, a deep dusty shade of pink blossoms, very handsome foliage, a symmetrical habit of growth, and a long period of bloom during the spring. (Indica)

MARIE LOUISE White sport of Charles Encke. Wonderful grower and a very prolific bloomer. Single. (Kurume)

***MELODY** (Brooks Hybrid-Patented) Very dark green, thick, glossy foliage. The fuchsia pink flowers are similar to the Kurume, being hose-in-hose—one flower inside another—but they have the size and flat opening habit of the Indicas.

MEMOIRE SANDERS Rich, warm red. Beautiful blooms unfurl like roses. An excellent forcing variety. Blooms earlier and more heavily than Mrs. Fred Sanders, which it otherwise very closely resembles. (Belgian-Indica)

MME. J. VERVANE PINK A huge deep coral pink bloom. Double. Large plants of this variety are very showy in bloom. (Belgian-Indica)

MME. J. VERVANE VARIEGATED A very large flowered coral pink and white. Rather slow growing, but a very lovely flower. (Belgian-Indica)

MME. PERICAT A very strong growing and robust blooming variety. An excellent shade of pink. A dainty double flower. Blooms in time for Easter. (Pericat)

MME. PETRICK A medium-sized double flower. Coppery-red. A very long period of bloom with two distinct crops - Fall and Spring. A very lovely and satisfying performer. (Belgian-Indica)

MME. PETRICK ALBA A white sport of Mme. Petrick. The same wonderful fall and spring crops of flowers. Like the other Petricks, this is one of the very best. (Belgian-Indica)

MME. PETRICK SUPERBA This is a sport of the Mme. Petrick. The same base color of coppery-pink or red, with just enough white to make a splashy display. Again we have the two distinct crops of blooms - Fall and Spring. (Belgian-Indica)

MME. VAN GAIL A large and lovely double coppery coral orange. (Belgian-Indica)

MRS. CHARLES VUYLSTEK A prolific and persistent bloomer. Huge blood red blossoms, very double in formation, on a bushy, handsomely foliaged, compact plant. (Belgian-Indica)

MRS. FRED SANDERS A double, ruby-red beauty. Buds open like roses, unfurl into a blaze of color to cover the entire plant. This is certainly a top favorite with everyone. For spring blooming in the garden. (Belgian-Indica)

ORCHID FLORA Huge, light orchid-pink blossoms, borne in generous profusion on a very strong growing plant. One of our finest in every respect. The flowers can very reasonably be compared to the orchid. Spring blooming (Belgian-Indica)

PAUL SCHAME This is probably the best double salmon azalea grown. A very heavy blooming variety. A display over a long period from September to April. (Belgian-Indica)

PAUL SCHAME FRIZZLE Essentially the same plant as the Paul Schame, with the added luxury of deeply ruffled petal edges. An instant success. (Belgian-Indica)

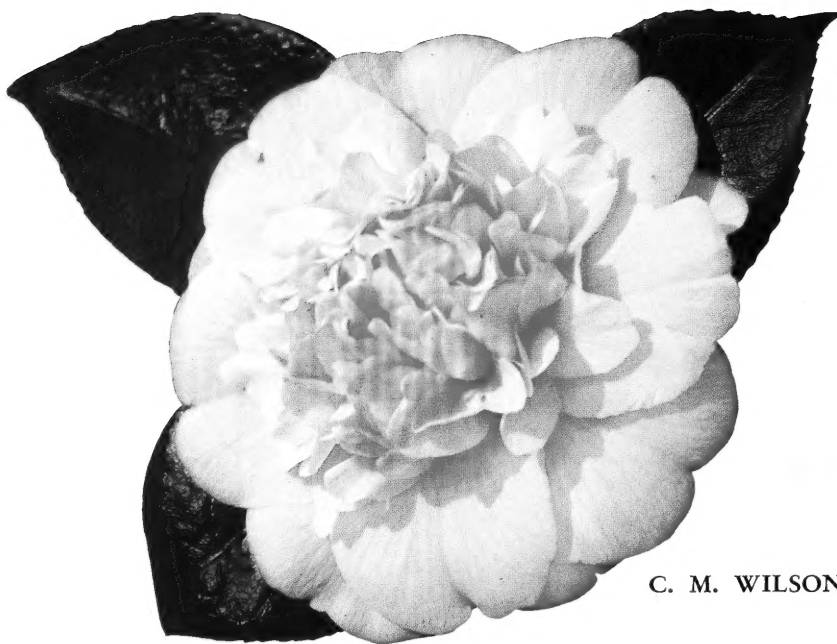
PEARL de SAFFELARE A most welcome addition to the always welcome whites. An excellent performer. Pure satiny white blooms, fine, rich foliage. (Belgian-Indica)

PINK PEARL This is certainly one of the largest and loveliest pink azaleas now offered. The flowers are double, up to three inches in diameter under average outdoor conditions, nearly four inches in the glass house. Glossy foliage, a grand grower, a real springtime beauty. (Belgian-Indica)

PROF. WOLTERS A genuine dazzler. This is a large flowered single, vivid red with fluted white margined petals. The throat of the bloom to the base is an intense red. A very hardy and vigorous variety with a long period of bloom. (Belgian-Indica)

PROSPER VANDEN DEALE Compact growing, rich ruby-red flowers. Fully double medium large blooms. A great springtime display. (Belgian-Indica)

***REDWING** (Brooks Hybrid-Patented) Produces beautiful, ruffled, hose-in-hose red flowers, with an undertone of orange. Compact habit of growth. Flowers compare favorably in size with the Indicas and are long lasting.



C. M. WILSON

RUBIS A very compact bright ruby-red. Large double flowers, well presented. (Belgian-Indica)

SERAPHIN A fast growing and highly desirable light pink single. In bloom for Easter. One of our fastest sellers. Everyone likes this beauty. (Kurume)

SNOWDRIFT This closes the blooming season with a real flourish, it follows just about all of the Indicas and Kurumes and is a reasonable bet to bloom as late as Mother's Day. Very strong growing, a real snowdrift of pure, single white flowers. (Kurume)

SWEETHEART Myriads of perfect little sweetheart pink blossoms, like miniature roses. An excellent Easter variety, a very strong growing plant. (Pericat)

SWEET SIXTEEN Still another sport of the wonderful Mme. Petrick. This is a beautiful baby pink shade, blooms fall and spring. (Belgian-Indica)

TEMPERANCE Here is a lilac lavender shade that has been greatly needed for the Easter parade. The flowers are large doubles, the plant is a strong upright grower. (Indica)

THE BRIDE This beautiful variety has huge double light pink flowers, a bushy habit of growth, very handsome dark green foliage. If it were not different from the other large pink azaleas, we wouldn't grow it. Springtime. (Indica)

TRIUMPH A hardy and extremely rapid grower, very large, and such fully double flowers are not to be found on any other azalea we've seen. A unique shade of red in the Spring. (Indica)

VAN LANGHAM A sport of the Vervaeana Alba, a double white with pin points, stripes and splashes of red. We can't describe a typical blossom, no two are ever identical, but they are all lovely. Spring blooming. (Indica)

VERVAENEANA A truly lovely large double, salmon rose on a white background, with a deeper coloration at the base of the petals. Springtime. (Indica)

VERVAENEANA ALBA Its huge double white blossoms appear dewy, they glisten with purity. All of the Vervaeana family are tops for their display, their habit of growth and their long blooming period in the Spring. (Indica)

VIOLACEA A real royal purple, fully double flower that appears in clusters all over the plant. The blooms are really multicentered. Early to late Spring. (Indica)

WILLIAM VAN ORANGE This is the finest single orange azalea we have ever seen. The foliage is a deep bronzy green, densely covers the plant until early in the spring, when the flowers just as densely cover the foliage. Very good, and most unusual. (Indica)

AZALEA PRICES

4" Pots, average plants 6-8" high, heads 4"x4"	
up to 4"x6"	\$.80
* (Brooks Hybrid Azaleas in 4" pots—	\$1.00
6" Pots, average plants 10-12" high, heads 6"x8"	
up to 8"x10"	\$2.00
8" Pots, average plants 12-14" high, heads up to 14"x14"	\$3.70



RETICULATA
LION'S HEAD

The Yunnan Province Reticulatas

Introduction to the spectacular beauty of this whole wonderful new collection of camellias has been eagerly awaited by all of us. Heretofore, these Chinese Reticulatas have been available only in the COMPLETE SET of one each of the fifteen varieties, priced at \$1,000.00 each collection, F.O.B., California. Our offering is for the most part on the larger three gallon or five year old understock, although we do have one gallon plants of these, also. Stocks of these varieties are complete but quite limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. 1 gal. 1 yr. gfts. - \$15.00; 3 gal. 1 yr. gfts. - \$25.00. Information of varieties still available will be sent upon request. We will accept orders now for delivery in FALL of 1953. Plants will be reserved for you upon receipt of a 10% deposit, which will be applied to the purchase price at the time plants are ready for shipment.

DESCRIPTIONS

BUTTERFLY WING X PEONY A large, loosely petaled rose pink semi-double.

CHANG'S TEMPLE Six to eight inches in diameter, brilliant pale pink semi-double.

GREAT BUTTERFLY WINGS Rose pink, many broad and beautifully waved petals. Up to six inches in diameter.

GREAT PEACH BLOOM Crepe textured petals, wavy crinkled carmine red. Very large.

GREAT SHOT SILK Brilliant semi-double pink, loosely set and informally arranged petals. Wonderfully detailed texture.

LARGE CORNELIAN Very full petaled, deep rose, heavily marbled with white.

LION'S HEAD (See Cut Page 15) A very large semi-double, deep red, generously variegated with white.

NOBLE PEARL Semi-double, crinkly deep red petals. Diameter six inches or better.

PEONY FLOWERED Six to eight inches, wavy, crepe-textured bright pink petals, with white veins and stripes. Formal double.

PINE CONE A beautiful double, rich crimson and very similar to Purple Gown, except that the flowers are more petaled and smaller.

PURPLE GOWN Deep purple red with pin stripes of white. Formal at opening, enlarging to a huge peony form, wine red at maturity. Six to eight inch blooms.

QUEEN OF TALI Six inch blooms, rose pink, lightly variegated with white.

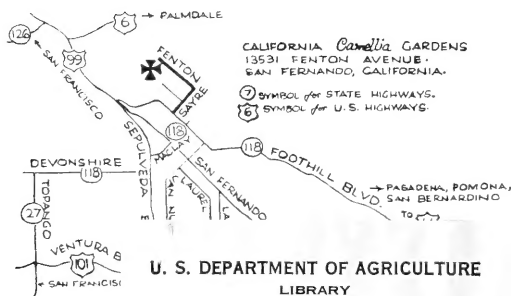
ROSE FLOWERED Full double imbricated. Solid pink to about four inch diameter.

SHOT SILK Large, pale pink, beautifully waved petals. A silky-velvet texture.

SMALL OSMANTHUS LEAF Medium size rose form double, an unusual orchid pink. Rather small leaves.



SHOWA-NO-SAKAE



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